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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Kenneth R. Owens, et al.

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Examiner: Jason E. Mattis

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Confirmation No.: 6113

Title: METHOD FOR ESTABLISHING AN MPLS DATA

NETWORK PROTECTION PATHWAY

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S FINAL ACTION

In response to the Final Action mailed August 22, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims and the objections to the Application in view of the following amendments and/or comments as set forth below.